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SUBJ: ATTENDANCE OF PRG AND VARIOUS NATIONAL LIBERATION  
MOVEMENTS AT FEB 1974 GENEVA CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF WAR

REF: STATE 27026

1. ON FEB 11 WE RAISED WITH SOYLEMEZ, HEAD OF MFA'S  
INTERNATION ORGANIZATIONS DEPT, THE PROBLEM CONCERNING  
ATTENDANCE BY THE PRG AND VARIOUS NATIONAL LIBERATION  
MOVEMENTS AT THE FORTHCOMING GENEVA CONFERENCE ON THE  
LAW OF WAR (REFTEL). WE ASKED FOR TURKISH SUPPORT FOR  
THE USG POSITION.

2. SOYLEMEZ WAS ALREADY FULLY INFORMED ABOUT THE  
PROBLEMS INVOLVING AFRICAN NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS  
AND HE GLUMLY PREDICTED THAT THE FIRST THREE WEEKS OF  
THE CONFERENCE WOULD PROBABLY BE DEVOTED TO IRONING OUT  
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THESE ISSUES. HE NOTED THAT THIS MEETING COULD EASILY

BECOME A "CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS".

3. SOYLEMEZ RECALLED THAT, WHEN DISCUSSIONS HAD INITIALLY HAD BEEN WITH SWISS REPS ON THE SUBJECT, HE HAD WARNED THAT THE PREPARATORY WORK DID NOT APPEAR SUFFICIENT TO TAKE CARE OF THE INEVITABLE PROBLEMS.

4. SOYLEMEZ SAID THAT AN INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED TO DEAL WITH ALL ASPECTS OF THIS CONFERENCE, INCLUDING PARTICIPATION. THE COMMITTEE CURRENTLY WAS HEAVILY ENGAGED WITH THE SO-CALLED FIRST AND SECOND PROTOCLS. ALTHOUGH HE INDICATED HE WAS SYMPATHETIC TO THE USG POSITION SOYLEMEZ CAREFULLY REFRAINED FROM COMMITTING THE GOT TO ANY COURSE OF ACTION.

5. WE CLOSED THE CONVERSATION WITH A REMINDER TO SOYLEMEZ THAT ANY PRECEDENTS ESTABLISHED AT THIS CONFERENCE RE PARTICIPATION BY THE PRG OR NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS COULD HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR TURKEY IF, FOR EXAMPLE, IN A FEW YEARS THE KURDS IN THE MIDDLE EAST DECIDED TO LOBBY IN US ORGANS.

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